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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising:

~~two cases,~~

a first case in which a keyboard is provided;

a second case in which a display unit is provided;

5 a hinge unit which connects the two first and second cases to each other ~~and by which such that~~ the two first and second cases are openable and closeable;

a cover member for decoration which is mounted on an outer surface of at least one of the two cases second case;

10 a first engaging unit mechanism which is disposed in ~~at least one of the cases~~ on the second case and has a decorative shape; and

a second engaging unit mechanism which is disposed in on the cover member to be engaged with the first engaging unit mechanism;

15 wherein the first engaging mechanism comprises:

a first engaging portion, which comprises a projection, provided at a tip end surface of the second case at an opposite side of the second case from the hinge unit; and

20 second engaging portions provided near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the second case;

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wherein the second engaging mechanism comprises:  
a first engaging portion provided at a tip end surface  
of the cover member at an opposite side of the cover member from  
25 the hinge unit; and

second engaging portions provided near to the hinge  
unit on both side surfaces of the cover member;

wherein positions of the first and second engaging  
portions of the second engaging mechanism correspond to positions  
30 on the second cover of the first and second engaging portions of  
the first engaging mechanism; and

wherein the first engaging portion of the second  
engaging mechanism projects from the tip end surface of the cover  
member and defines a concavity which engages the projection of  
35 the first engaging portion of the first engaging mechanism when  
the second engaging mechanism is engaged with first engaging  
mechanism; and

wherein the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer  
surface of at least one of the cases second case by engaging the  
40 first and second engaging portions of the first and engaging  
mechanism with the first and second engaging portions of the  
second engaging units with each other mechanism, respectively.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled).

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4. (Currently Amended) An electronic device according to  
claim 3 1, wherein ~~one pair of the engaging portions at the~~  
~~positions near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of at~~  
~~least one of the engaging portions at the positions near to the~~  
5 ~~hinge unit on both side surfaces of the cover member are at least~~  
~~one of: (i) one of the second engaging portions of the second~~  
~~case and (ii) one of the second engaging portions of the cover~~  
~~member is elastically movable in engaging/disengaging directions.~~

Claims 5 and 6 (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) An electronic device according to  
claim 1, wherein a decoration is disposed on an outer surface of  
~~at least one of the cases second case~~, and an opening is formed  
in a portion of the cover member, ~~the portion being at a~~  
5 ~~position corresponding to the decoration on the outer surface of~~  
~~at least one of the cases second case.~~

8. (Currently Amended) An electronic device according to  
claim 1, wherein a decoration is disposed on an outer surface of  
~~at least one of the cases second case~~, and a light transmit  
~~transmitting member is disposed in a portion of at least one of~~  
5 ~~the cases, the portion being cover member at a position~~

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corresponding to the decoration of one on the outer surface of the cases second case.

9. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 7, wherein the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a graphic and a pattern.

10. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 1, wherein the cover member is made of a synthetic resin which transmits light.

11. (Currently Amended) An electronic device according to claim 1, comprising:

two cases;  
a hinge unit which connects the two cases to each other such that the two cases are openable and closeable;  
a cover member for decoration which is mounted on an outer surface of at least one of the two cases;  
a first engaging mechanism which is disposed in the at least one of the cases; and  
a second engaging mechanism which is disposed in the cover member to be engaged with the first engaging mechanism;

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wherein the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer surface of the at least one of the cases by engaging the first and second engaging mechanisms with each other;

15       wherein the first engaging unit mechanism includes engaging portions which are disposed at positions being away from the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the at least one of the cases and engaging portions which are disposed at positions near to the hinge unit on said both side surfaces of the at least one of the 20 cases; [ , ]

wherein the second engaging unit mechanism includes engaging portions which are disposed at positions being away from the hinge unit on both side surfaces of at least one of the cases the cover member and engaging portions which are disposed at 25 positions near to the hinge unit on said both side surfaces of the cover member; [ , ] and

wherein the engaging portions of the first engaging unit, which mechanism that are disposed at positions being away from the hinge unit on both side surfaces of at least one of the cases, and are rotatably engaged with the engaging portions of the second engaging unit, which mechanism that are disposed at 30 positions being away from the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the cover member, are rotatably engaged with each other.

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12. (Currently Amended) An electronic device according to claim 11, wherein a mirror is disposed on an inner surface of the cover member, ~~the inner surface facing the outer surface of~~ ~~the~~ at least one of the cases.

13. (Currently Amended) A cover member which is mounted to an outer surface of at least one of two cases of for an electronic device, the cases being connected to each other by wherein the electronic device comprises: (i) a first case in which a keyboard is provided, (ii) a second case in which a display is provided, (iii) a hinge unit by which the two cases are connecting the first case and the second case to each other to be openable and closeable, and (iv) a first engaging mechanism which is disposed on the second case, has a decorative shape, and comprises a first engaging portion, which comprises a projection, provided at a tip end surface of the second case at an opposite side of the second case from the hinge unit, and second engaging portions provided near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the second case, and wherein the cover member is mountable to an outer surface of the second case, said cover member comprising: an a second engaging unit mechanism which comprises: is detachably engaged with at least one of the cases;

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a first engaging portion provided at a tip end surface of the cover member at an opposite side of the cover member from the hinge unit; and

second engaging portions provided near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the cover member;

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wherein positions of the first and second engaging portions of the second engaging mechanism correspond to positions on the second cover of the first and second engaging portions of the first engaging mechanism; and

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wherein the first engaging portion of the second engaging mechanism projects from the tip end surface of the cover member and defines a concavity which engages the projection of the first engaging portion of the first engaging mechanism when the second engaging mechanism is engaged with first engaging mechanism;

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wherein the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer surface of at least one of the cases the second case by engaging the engaging unit with at least one of the cases first and second engaging portions of the first engaging mechanism with the first and second engaging portions of the second engaging mechanism, respectively.

14. (Currently Amended) An A cover member according to claim 13, wherein a decoration is disposed on a part of the outer

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surface of ~~at least one of the cases second case~~, and an opening is formed in a portion of the cover member, ~~the portion being at~~  
5 ~~a position corresponding to the decoration on the outer surface of at least one of the cases second case.~~

15. (Currently Amended) A cover member according to claim 13, wherein a decoration is disposed on a part of the outer surface of ~~at least one of the cases second case~~, and a light transmit transmitting member is disposed in a portion of ~~at least one of the cases, the portion being cover member at a position~~  
5 corresponding to the decoration of ~~at least one on the outer surface of the cases second case.~~

16. (Original) A cover member according to claim 14, wherein the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a graphic and a pattern.

17. (Original) An electronic device comprising:  
two cases;  
a hinge unit which connects the two cases to each other and by which the two cases are openable and closeable;  
5 an electronic unit disposed in at least one of the two cases;

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a flat-shaped cover member which is mounted to at least one of the cases and is overlapped with an outer surface of at least one of the cases to cover the outer surface;

10       an electronic unit disposed in the cover member; and  
          an electrically connecting/engaging unit which detachably engages at least one of the cases and the cover member with each other, and electrically connects the electronic unit in at least one of the cases and the electronic unit in the cover member with  
15       each other.

18. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 17, wherein the electrically connecting/engaging unit comprises a first electrically connecting/engaging portion which is electrically connected to the electronic unit in at least one of the cases and is retractably projected from at least one of both side surfaces of at least one of the cases,

5           a second electrically connecting/engaging portion which is electrically connected to the electronic unit in the cover member and is disposed on at least one of both side surface of the cover member, and

10           the first electrically connecting/engaging portion is detachably engaged with the second electrically connecting/engaging portion.

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19. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 17,  
wherein a first engaging portion is disposed on a tip end surface  
of at least one of the cases, the tip end surface being  
positioned opposite to the hinge unit on at least one of the  
cases; and

5 a second engaging portion with which the first engaging  
portion is detachably engaged is disposed on a tip end surface of  
the cover member, the tip end surface being positioned opposite  
to the hinge unit on the cover member.

20. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 17,  
wherein the electronic unit has one of a display function, a  
television tuner function, a speaker function, a power source  
function, a camera function, a printer function, and a scanner  
function.

21. (New) An electronic device according to claim 8, wherein  
the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a graphic and a  
pattern.

22. (New) A cover member according to claim 15, wherein the  
decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a graphic and a  
pattern.